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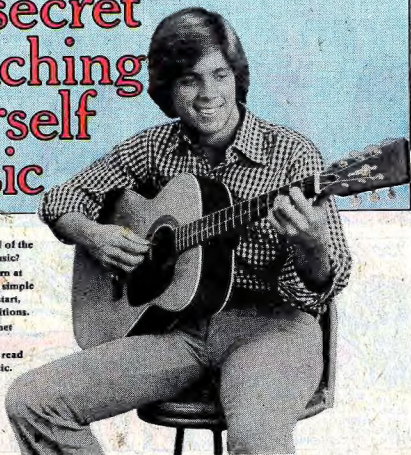
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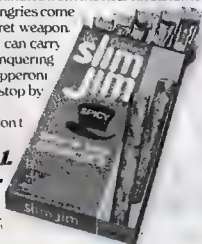
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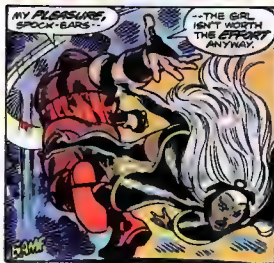


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ARRGH!



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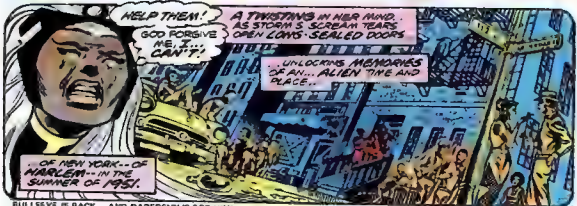


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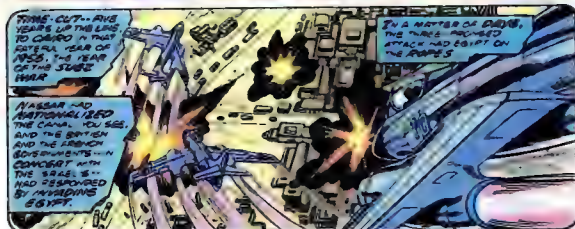
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OH
MY
GOD



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DOWN! I'LL
KEEP YOU SAFE!

LIAR!



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AND PAIN
EVEN
OF BODY AND
SOUL PAIN
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THE GIRL GROWING INTO A
WIDOWMAN, ALL MEMORIES OF
YOUR PAST LIFE FADING
WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE
YEARS - CONTENT IN YOUR
SOLITUDE



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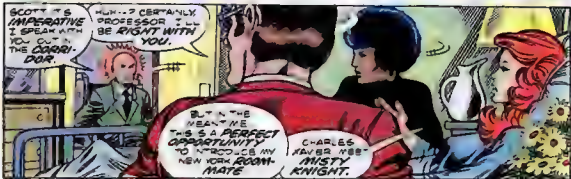
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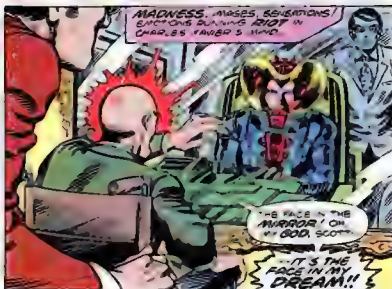


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BUT FIRST, SOME WORDS FROM OUR SPONSOR: namely, a couple of announcements. The first should be kind of obvious to anyone who's taken more than a casual look at the letters page. That is to say we're somewhat cramped for space this issue. Ah, politics, will we never learn. . . Anyway—here comes the second announcement—the net result of our being so cramped (not to mention the *unprecedented* responses to our Merry Mutants' Hundredth issue) is that we're devoting both this and next issue's lettercols to Hundredth issue letters. And, hopefully, we'll catch up with ourselves before the turn of the century. Enough babbling, already, on with the letters!

Dear Chris and Dave:

I have slightly over two thousand comics, and I would just like to say that X-Men #100 was probably the best comic I've ever read. Almost everything about it was perfect—the art, the story, even Annette's letters and Bonnie's colors were terrific. The only bad points of the issue are too damn inconsequential to even mention. An excellent job, folks. I commend you highly.

Daryl Lanz
1858 Gilmore Ave.
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Marvel:

I'll say it in one word—**FANTASTIC!** Of course, I'm talking about the mind-boggling 100th issue, of the X-MEN. This has to be the greatest story I've read all year. Cockrum's art was the best it's ever been, and Chris' story was out of sight.

The story started out perfectly with the opening and that two-page spread across pages two and three. And that ending—with Jean's force field breaking up—was great. But the high point of the book was Wolverine's uncontrolled destruction of the Marvel Girl X-sentinel. I love the angle about his animal instincts. Keep it up!

Warren Cobb
Route 8, Box 384
Shelby, NC 28150

Dear Chris,

X-MEN #100 was just...uh, X-traordinary. First, the cover was great. Second, the story was thrilling with action every page. And third, Cockrum's art was just too good for words. He's the greatest artist to draw the X-Men since Neal Adams.

Anyway, I can't wait to see what happens next issue!

Reuben Pharms Jr.
118 Regent St.
Boston, MA 02119

Dear Chris,

X-MEN #100 was by far the best hundredth issue Marvel has ever put out. It was special without sacrificing the plot line. I wasn't disappointed at all in the fact that the original X-Men were X-Sentinels. In fact, I believe this gave the new X-Men a chance to show what they can do when they cut loose. With this issue, X-MEN replaced AVENGERS as my favorite comic (a long standing first place runner). No easy task that.

I have a great suggestion. Make X-MEN monthly! You said that there had been a tremendous mail response. Also, put the new X-Men up against the old X-Men's strongest challenge, Cain Marko, the Juggernaut.

Till Banshee gets laryngitis, make mine.....X-MEN!

Kyle Turner
7265 Floral Ridge Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32211

To the people at Marvel:

Chris Claremont!!! Why didn't you tell me you could write like this?!

This is Marvel!! This is what made Marvel number one, and what will keep it there. There really aren't enough words in the language to fully express the wonderfulness of this issue. The art was incredible and extremely well done, the best I've ever seen from Dave Cockrum.

Will there be more to come from the fantastic team of Claremont and Cockrum?!

J. Doug Dennis
11444 Clark Rd.
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Why didn't Chris tell you?

Because you never asked, dummy! (Seriously, folks, it was really a very nice letter. They were all very nice letters!) However, to answer your question, J. Doug, if Chris and Dave have anything to say about it, you ain't seen *nothin'* yet!

Which brings us (ahhh, we *armadillos* can be so sneaky sometimes) to next issue, wherein you will see if the new X-Men have the combat savvy, strength, and just plain guts to put this issue's message behind them and beat the Juggernaut. It's a battle issue worthy of its title: **THE FALL OF THE TOWER!** Be there!

HOWARD THE DUCK CAMPAIGN UPDATE FINAL—Time is short, and so is our space. There's just enough room allotted us for this item:

—**DUCK SUPPORT SWEEPS COUNTRY!** Pie Town, New Mexico (UD!) City Father Harley D. Farnsworth last week declared his full support of the Duck. Speaking before a gathering of the West Central New Mexico Chapter of the Sons of the Sagebrush, Mr. Farnsworth said, "It's about time that this country had a candidate that truly respects the public. There's not a man among us that Howard wouldn't look up to. I say let's put him on a pedestal, and look up to him for a change!"

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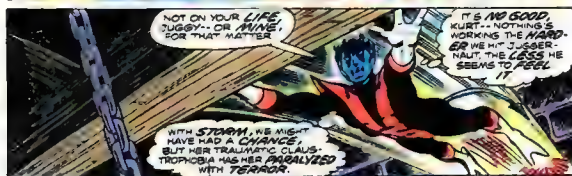
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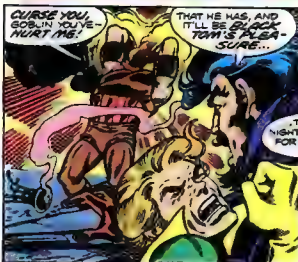
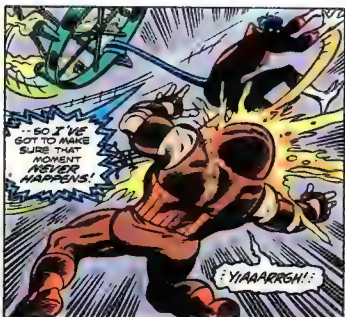
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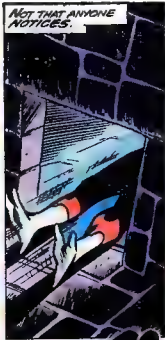
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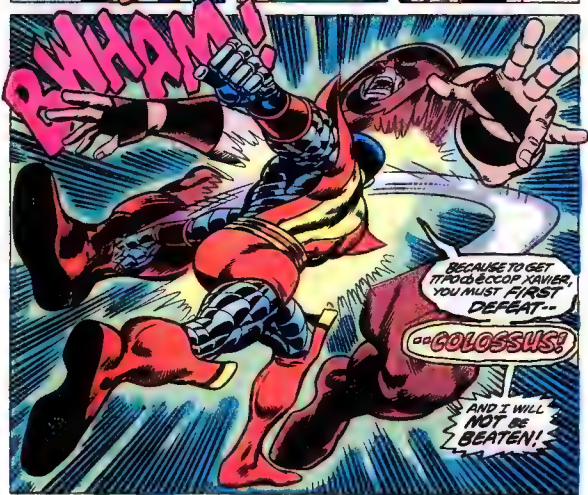


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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Wow! I never thought we'd get so much mail about something that never even appeared in one of our comics! I'm referring, of course, to the avalanche of letters we've received about a certain commercial on television—the one in which I speak up for the Persona razor and blades—which has been all over the tube for the past few months. All of Marveldom Assembled has been bombarding me with the same question, "Why didn't I announce it in the Soapbox so you'd know when and where to see it?" The reason is—I couldn't! I thought it would only be shown for a week or two, and that by the time we could get a notice printed in our mag it would be over. Also, I never know in advance on which program it'll be shown—I seems to be all over the place. But here's a tip: they mostly use it on the major network sports shows. And here's the widest part of all—remember the part at the end where I jokingly shout "Persona Man"? Well, so many of you have gotten a charge out of that name that you guessed it—we're thinking of creating a real Persona Man character! And whenever he has a narrow escape we'll have to refer to it as a "close shave" right? Oh well, that's show biz! Can't write any more now. Have to race to the nearest book shop and order a copy of the newest of our "Origins" bites, called, **BRING ON THE BAD GUYS!** Sure I'm the guy who wrote it, but you know what a nowhere memory I have—I can't wait to find out whether the good guys or the villains win! So, till Howard the Duck is sworn in as our 11th President, always remember—wherever you go, whenever you're with whatever you do, the eyes of the world are upon you—so keep the faith, hang loose and THINK MARVEL!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Two brand new blockbusters are headed your way this month and we're so excited about them we just naturally have to make their announcement the very first tidbit we serve up! What do you do when a character is so popular that two monthly books featuring his adventures only leave most Marvelites screaming for more? Well, you don't do anything until you're one hundred percent certain that you have a writer/artist team available

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ITEM! As the previous item may clue you, this is being written in the summer, mid June to be precise. June is traditionally the time of weddings, and, believe it or not, even a mixed-up bunch like the bullpen can sometimes be traditional. So, we have two couples getting married this month: "Humble HOWARD" BENDER, ace letterer of our boisterous British Dept., and his lady JOE REICH plus "Devil May Care DOUG" MOENCH and "Dazzling DEBRA" AMES, long-time teammates already as writer and letterer of our WEREWOLF BY NIGHT book. Congratulations to four very nice folks, best wishes for the future to you all!

ITEM! Coming out at the end of this month from our Black and White dept. is **MARVEL PREVIEW #8** which will feature the long promised adaptation of Philip Wylie's **GLADIATOR**, under the brand new title of **MAN GOD**. The original 1930 novel virtually created the prototype for the modern-day superhero, and for almost a year now, writer/editor ROY THOMAS has been

struggling through various setbacks to finally get it produced in graphic story form. RICH BUCKLER began the artwork, TONY DEZUNIGA completed it, all that's lacking now is your stamp of approval. But once you check it out, we have a hunch that won't be long in coming!

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ITEM! Welcome Wagon time again good people, if you've been following our CAPT. MARVEL or GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY series (and surely no true believer will admit to not following them), then you've noticed the fine line work of two new inkers in the Bullpen. Say hi to "Tumorous TERRY" AUSTIN (of 'CM) and "Bumptious BOB" WIACEK (who handles GUARDIANS). But don't stop there, because we're also why overdue in extending firm dry handshakes to "Bearing BETH" BLECKLEY and "Mellow MARY ELLEN" BEVERIDGE editorial assistants extraordinaire, and to "Nimble NAOMI" BASNER, amiable aid to Operations Vice President "Jolly SOLLY" BRODSKY and no small help as catcher on the bullpen softball team. Glad to have the bunch of ya!



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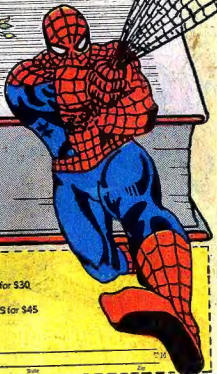


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